

Dear Rep. O'Brien,

May 10, 2011

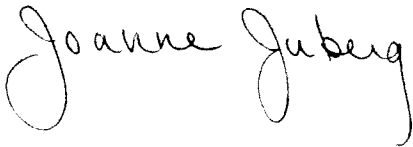
I am a US citizen living in Portage, Mi. I would love to see legislature passed, omitting physician approval for Physical Therapy. I had to spend \$100 just to have a 5 minute visit to my physician, requesting physical therapy on my foot. I have had this condition before, so I knew I needed PT. I suffered with pain for a year because I didn't want to throw away \$100.00. I even called many PT facilities and ALL said I must have a physician referral. This is not fair. My husband lost his job this year, and we only have high deductible insurance, which does not have physician coverage.

I could have applied the \$100.00 toward my therapy, which also I am paying out of pocket, as our deductible is very high.

Please allow us to go directly to Physical Therapy, this would greatly help. I hope and pray our Michigan legislature changes this law and allows US citizens living in Michigan have a direct pathway to Physical Therapy.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter.

Very sincerely,
Joanne Juberg
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A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joanne Juberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name and address.